



"Come, grow with us..."

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Evangel *(good news!)*

I'm just back from a class at Luther Seminary, "Leading in a Liminal Season." "Liminal" was a new word for me. It comes from Latin for crossing a threshold... like being engaged or pregnant—a time when we know something is ending but the next thing hasn't yet begun. We look forward to it, we prepare, but we really don't yet know what life will be like.

In our family, our current liminal season is becoming empty-nesters. Our youngest, Jon, starts college August 31. Our middle son, Ben, will begin his career soon. We don't know exactly when this change will come, but after 25 years of being parents with kids at home, we know our lives will be different soon.

The Church is in a liminal season, too. Across denominations, in rural areas and cities, in the U.S. and other countries, churches are changing. Fewer people in worship, fewer young families with children, offerings short of budget or expenses, and fewer pastors leaves many of us scratching our heads.

This doesn't mean we've done something wrong, but things are changing. Since we know God loves us, we can trust that God holds the Church's future. Scholars have noticed that God brought the Church through major changes in the Great Schism (1054) when Eastern Orthodox and the Roman Catholic churches parted ways, and in the Reformation (1517), when Martin Luther shook things up. What is God up to this time? What is God calling the Church to next?

One key, I learned, is to prayerfully experiment locally. Solutions won't necessarily come from elsewhere. God calls all of us to pray, be open to the Spirit's leading, try something new, see how it goes, try something else, watch what happens, and try yet again. So, let's be open to God, open to new ideas, open to unexpected blessings.

Surprised by grace,

Pastor Evelyn

"Courage is fear that has said its prayers."

Dorothy Bernard



Evangelical Lutheran
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God's work. Our hands.

KRAZY QUILTERS

Krazy Quilters make a difference in the world by quilting. The group meets on Monday mornings 9a-12p September through May. New members are always welcome, even if you cannot come every Monday, or cannot stay for the entire morning. We will train! No sewing skills required! We have work for everyone, cutting squares, laying out tops, tying quilts or sewing. Please join us in September!

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 15, 2018
6:30PM

**Women of the ELCA
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

No August meeting

**SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER
SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

Monday, August 20th, 5:00PM

**Women of the ELCA
GENERAL MEETING**

No August meeting

ATTENDANCE

Jun 24	42
Jul 1	46
Jul 8	33
Jul 15	44
Jul 22	33

ESTHER CIRCLE

No August meeting

ALTAR GUILD

No August meeting

2018 Budget & Current Exp. Offering* (thru July 22)

2018 Adopted Annual Budget	\$94,766
2018 Monthly Budget	\$ 7,897
Jul MTD Offering	\$ 6,335

Current Expense Offering YTD	\$48,559
Synod Benevolence Offering YTD	\$ 1,738
Total YTD Current Expense Offering	\$50,297

* Figures are unaudited and subject to adjustment.





Day

Camp



2018

Thank You !

A HUGE thank you to all who helped make this years Vacation Bible School-Day Camp one of our best.

There were so many people to thank, Don and Becky Lindstrom who paid for the cost of camp, those who gave money for the counselors gift card for food, thanks to people for bringing snacks, hosting the counselors for dinner (Diane and Pete, Morgan and Tom, and Nancy), doing extra work (Donna), and cleaning (Lois). Also, thanks to Tom and Morgan for donating a week of their vacation rental for the counselors to stay in. Also, to all who kept the staff and kids in their prayers.

Our VBS is often times the only connection many of these kids have with a church, and learning about God's unconditional love for us. We know it could not happen without each of your contributions.

Thank you.

Roxanne S.

Worship Service Volunteers

We are always looking for folks to be readers, greeters and to serve Coffee An'. Youth are encouraged to volunteer for all of these important roles in our church.

Confirmation Service Opportunities

Geranium Watering –Volunteers are needed to help with watering the geraniums around the sign on Acacia over the summer. Confirmation students can earn 3 service hours for each week they volunteer to water in July and August. Please sign up in the narthex.

Grounds maintenance—Summer is here! Youth & parent are welcome to sign-up in the narthex to help with Summer grounds keeping. Confirmation students can earn service hours for volunteering. Combine a week of watering the geraniums with the same week of lawn maintenance and earn even more service hours! Assignments are one week each so sign up for a week or two!

New Church Office Hours

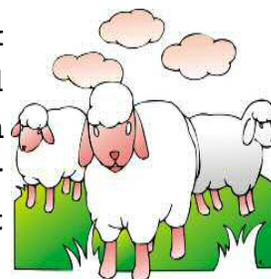
Beginning August 1, 2018 the church office hours will be Tue, Thu, Fri 10:00am-1:30pm.

Upcoming Gospel Readings.....

Aug	5	John 6:24-35
	12	John 6:35, 41-51
	19	John 6:51-58
	26	John 6:56-69
Sep	2	Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
	9	Mark 7: 24-37
	16	Mark 8: 27-38
	23	Mark 9: 30-37
	30	Mark 9: 38-50

Sunday School

Sunday School is on break for the summer and will resume after Labor Day in the fall. Please look for upcoming announcement for the exact date.



Ruby's Pantry—Sharing the Love of Christ through food

Ruby's Pantry will hold a food share distribution at the Babbitt Municipal Center on Saturday, August 25th. Registration begins at 9:30AM and distribution at 10:00AM. The cost is \$20. Bring two containers to carry your food share. Volunteers are always needed, no special training required; please come at 8:00AM. Confirmation students can earn 4+ hours of service credit by volunteering.

Help with Lay-Led Worship?

BELC's council is considering whether to have lay people (like YOU!) help lead worship services on non-Communion Sundays when Pastor Evelyn is away. This would save the cost of a pulpit supply pastor (est. \$165 per Sunday) and strengthen our church's lay leadership.

The next Sunday needed is September 9th.

Besides our regular readers and ushers, one person could write or find and/or preach a sermon, and others could help with spoken liturgy and prayers. Another option would be a hymn-sing Sunday, similar to the one we did after Christmas. This would include finding and sharing the stories of favorite hymns (instead of a sermon), with others leading prayers.

If you would like to explore helping our church in this way, please talk with Pastor Evelyn.

Survey Update

Several members of the council sat down, on Monday 7/16/18, to review and discuss the results of the congregation wide survey. Although there were not too many "stand out" items, the one item that did stand out, was that *we need more people and we need younger people*. We took note of every graph, and read every single comment, good or bad, and tried our best to prioritize what we need to do first. We also discussed some of the suggestions for bringing new people into our church. We are always open to ideas and suggestions as to how to improve and grow, and we will be acting on some of the ideas as the year goes on.

We are still not getting ahead with our finances and that is our major concern. With new members helping to support our church, that would help tremendously.

God Bless us all, and steer us in the right direction as we continue to struggle.

Roxanne Sader
Council President

You're Invited!

Community Baby Shower
Sunday, August 19, 2:00PM
Evangelical Lutheran Church

Izzy, the Baby Doll model, is back in the narthex to invite you to the 2018 Community Baby Shower. Izzy is modeling a darling baby outfit which will be donated at the Community Baby Shower. Come join the fun, games, and laughter! A light afternoon tea will be served. Bring an unwrapped gift size Infant-3T to be donated to Social Services.

*God's Work...
Our Hands*

Welcome Home Basket

Thank you to all who generously donated items for our first basket! These baskets are needed all year so we are doing a second Welcome Home basket as a church wide project for God's Work + Our Hands Sunday on September 30th. To avoid duplicating items, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex for you to choose available items to donate. Cash donations will be used to buy any items not donated. Please remember, all items must be new!

Current for Curran Hospital

Thursday, September 20

6-8:30 PM

Hoops Brewing

325 S. Lake Avenue, Duluth, MN

Be a part of bring a solar solution to Curran Hospital. Join us at Hoops Brewing in Duluth for an evening of charitable giving to bring a solar micro grid to Curran Hospital in Zorzor, Liberia. Enjoy craft beer, light food and the music of Corey Medina.

If you wish to stay overnight, a block of rooms has been saved at the Radisson Harborview in Duluth. To make a reservation under Current for Curran room block, call 218-727-8981. If making reservations online, use promo code CURRAN. Reservation must be made by 8/20.

Ladies Spring Tea Food Donation

Thank you! A total of 78 lbs of food was donated at the Ladies Spring Tea in April.

**Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Report
July 16, 2018**

Study Session

Roxanne Sader, Mary Muellerleile, Nancy Mettler, Jo Langan and Pastor Evelyn Weston met prior to the regular council meeting for a study session focusing on the report of results from the Congregational Survey and Generational Giving. The comment section of the survey provided the council with valuable information from the members of the congregation. The council will be addressing these comments in the weeks ahead with the intent of making improvements where possible.

Council Meeting

President Roxanne Sader declared there was not the necessary quorum for a council meeting. Therefore, the meeting was an informal discussion of various items on the agenda. Minutes were taken and the following items were discussed.

Mary Muellerleile shared her financial report. The church finances still reflect a budget deficit for 2018.

There has been no further common mission discussion with Woodland Presbyterian since May, 2018.

The various duties of the congregations involved in National Night Out to be held on Tuesday, August 7, were clarified. Don Negley and Shanna Sundblad will be serving root beer floats in the parking lot for BELC.

Possible service projects that BELC could do as community outreach for God's Work + Our Hands on Sunday, September 30, were discussed.

BELC will continue to provide a luncheon for NER teachers and staff during one of their workshop days. This service was formerly an outreach by the Baptist Church.

The request from our administrative assistant, Donna McKibbon, to change her office days from four to three was agreed upon. The number of hours provided will not change. The days will now be Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The new hours will be posted on the entry door.

Roxanne Sader reported on the successful Day Camp held July 9-13. Thank you to everyone who contributed as dinner hosts, providers of lodging, providers of food and snacks, helpers during the days, or monetarily. Thank you also to those who organized the camp.

Pastor Evelyn presented her report giving an overview of her work this past month. She asked about delaying her July vacation plans until the first week in September due to her father's health. The members agreed to her request.

There were no committee reports.

August communion assistant and offering depositor is Don Negley.

The next council meeting is tentatively set for Wednesday, August 15, at 7 pm.

Respectfully,
Jo Langan



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>AUGUST</h1>						
5 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion, Pastor Paul Buettner preaching 9:30 AM Coffee An'	6	7 No Pastor's Office Hours 5:30 PM National Night Out, Fountain Hill Park	8	9 8:30 AM TOPS	10 No Pastor's Office Hours	11
12 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Coffee An'	13	14 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	15 6:30 PM Council Meeting	16 8:30 AM TOPS	17 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	18
19 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM Coffee An' 2:00 PM Community Baby Shower at BELC	20 5:00 PM September 2018 Newsletter Submission Deadline	21 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	22	23 8:30 AM TOPS	24 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	25 Ruby's Pantry at Babbitt Municipal Center 8:00 AM Volunteers 9:30 AM Registration 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Distribution
26 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion 9:30 AM Coffee An'	27	28 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	29 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pastor's Office Hours	30 8:30 AM TOPS	31 No Pastor's Office Hours	<h1>2018</h1>

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**“Pray, and let God worry”
*Martin Luther***

August 2018 Evangel inside!

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